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Reminiscent of a scene from a sci-fi flick, a velomobile graced Bengaluru roads for the first time, as onlookers froze to take a peek of the human-powered mobility capsule

HOT WHEELS

'Special bicycle can zoom past up to 55-65 km/h'

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Bengaluru traffic came to a standstill when a velomobile was spotted for the first time in the city. A relatively common occurrence in European countries, it's a first for Indian roads too.

Bengalureans were stunned to see the strange looking shiny blue and white vehicle zipping through traffic. If you have not seen this bicycle innovation before, it's a sight to behold, as the bicycle car looks like something straight out of a science fiction novel. The mystery of the vehicle led to passersby taking pictures and posting them on social media.

A velomobile is a three-wheeled bicycle car with an outer-protection cover, designed in an aerodynamic shape. Riders can sit in a reclined position and can zoom past traffic up to 55-65 km ph.

The vehicle also comes with small storage space, reliable balance from the three wheels, and weather protection from the body and shell, making it ideal for office commute in Europe. Currently, there are no manufacturers of the vehicle in India. A Bengaluru-based bike store

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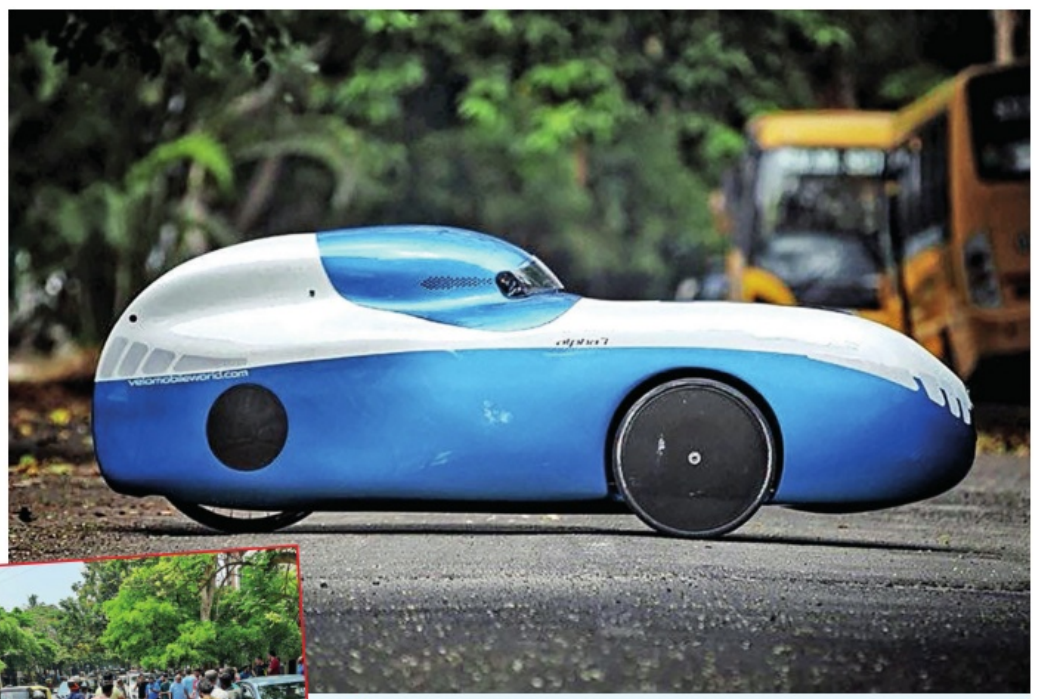

"Based on body weight and height, vehicles are manufactured on demand. I have added customisations to steering, hood, and colour

– Phaneesh Nagaraja, velomobile owner

Case of falling branches

Frequently falling branches threatening public safety points to unscientific pruning of trees along Rest House Road

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Citizens frequenting Rest House Road in Shanthala Nagar are worried. They fear dead wood — dried and broken branches — especially of the massive rain trees, more than a dozen along the stretch inside a BBMP park nearby, would come crashing down injuring passersby.

Recently, a 72-year-old retired NRI and resident of Charles Court on Rest House Road, Steve G, sustained injuries to his forehead and hand after a falling branch grazed him. "Steve was stunned for a couple of minutes. His wife had to come and talk to him to bring him back to senses," said neighbour Miriam Noronha.

Steve and his wife were heading for a service at a nearby church on Friday, around 7:00 pm. The park right in front of his home houses huge rain trees. "The streetlights weren't working that night. We were walking on the narrow road with the help of light from passing vehicles. Suddenly, we heard a loud crunching sound from above -- 20 to 30 feet high. Soon, down came a huge dead branch, around three feet in length and a diameter of about an inch and a half, grazing us past. It was a dangerously

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Cartoons from Calcutta

The University Machine

Check out a special exhibition of cartoons that are a tribute to some of Calcutta's famous cartoonists. From Sukumar Ray to Gagan-endranath Tagore, to contemporary names like Rituparno Basu and Anup Ray, the exhibit is a homage to the rich legacy of Calcutta's connection with caricatures. **Where: Indian Cartoon Gallery, Midford Garden; When: Till April 23, 10am – 6pm (except Sundays)**

02 Satrangi Mela

India's first all-day queer festival by a hospitality chain, Satrangi Mela, is all set to launch its third edition this April. Dedicated to promote queer talent and queer-owned businesses, Satrangi Mela is nothing less than a celebration of queer folks, for queer folks and by queer folks. Their inclusion-oriented approach shifts the spotlight from a tokenistic rainbow flag to the more pressing and under-represented aspects of the queer experience.
Where: Indiranagar SOCIAL
When: April 10, 12 pm – 10 pm
Entry: Free, https://insider.in

03 Susegad

The Gallery at Maya, a Slow Living Restaurant and Art Gallery in Jayanagar presents "Susegad" a collection of Abstract Paintings by Darpan Kaur, curated by Samira Sheth. Susegad is a word synonymous with Goa, and it loosely translates to a relaxed pace, of going with the flow and living in the moment. This series pays homage to all of that. With rough textures and free marks, the artworks stand for the freedom to truly be yourself. They lead one to tranquility and a sense of joy. **Where: Maya, Jayanagar, 5th Block**
When: Till April 30, 12 pm – 11 pm
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COMING FULL CIRCLE

After a long time, five generations of a family come together under one roof at Seva Ashram High School, a place memorable for the members

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We are family: Stories were exchanged and books handed out

Emotions ran high and the air was thick with laughter and happiness when five generations of a family met after a very long time. The get-together was held at at Shrirampuram in the city, and at the joyous meet, Marusur Annaswamy Mudaliar's descendants comprised of everyone from kids to those who were almost 90 years old. "It was such a beautiful feeling. People who we had not met in years were in front of my eyes. Their voices had changed, and their looks were different," said the event's organiser, Annalarasu, grandson of Marusur Annaswamy Mudaliar and son of A M Venugopalan. "The cultural performances by the young made the gathering even more memorable."

The event was held at the Seva Ashram High School which was greatly improved by A M Venugopalan in his time. He helped upgrade the school from a night school to a daily functioning day school.

At the gathering, Kanakamal Venkatesan, A M Venugopalan's sister-in-law who recently celebrated her 90th birthday, was one of the oldest people present. The second generation attended the get-together to be with those who they hadn't seen in a very long time.

The third generation were in their forties while the fourth generation were the teenagers and the youth who got to know more about their family legacy. All those who attended the gathering were hoping to see the fifth generation soon.

At the gathering, the book 'Family Tree Album', which was about the entire family of Marusur Annaswamy Mudaliar, authored by his grandson Annalarasu himself, was distributed to each member of the family.

Born and bought up in Marasur village, Tamil Nadu, A M Venugopalan belonged to a family of farmers who could barely make ends meet.

Determined to give his family a better life, he shifted to Bengaluru. From early on, he was keen towards getting an education. So, he did not waste any time when he found an opportunity to study at the then night school, Seva Ashram.

Seeing his active participation in social activities, the school authorities asked him to join them, to which, he readily agreed. In the years to come, Venugopalan would change the school into a day school which would help thousands of students attain literacy over the years.

"My father always had a dream of bringing our entire family under one room. However, because of the circumstances, he was not able to do that.

It was only during the lockdown, when the doting son thought of fulfilling his father's dream and decided to host the gathering at the very same place where his father had sought to bring about change.

It took Annalarasu two years to find out the details of all generations. He said, "I did not want to leave out anyone, so I kept on calling people and from them, I got to know about other relatives of ours as well."

He contacted as many as 500 members belonging to different generations. My family asked me to write about it as it was a big achievement. With the help of my relatives, I was able to publish my book, Family Tree Album, he said. "The gathering was a huge success as 250 people came. It was unbelievable."

> **"It was such a beautiful feeling. People who we had not met in years were before us; their voices and faces different**
> – Annalarasu

Dead wood dangling overhead

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close shave. It grazed my forehead, and fell on my right elbow, taking a bit of skin with it. I started to bleed. Although the wound is healing, it is still painful," Steve told BM.

It was the security guards from the next compound's office complex who came to help Steve and offered him first aid. This is not the first time such an incident has occurred on Rest House Road. "Four weeks ago, on a Sunday, about 12.45 pm, my nephew had come by; I had gone down to guide him to the parking slot. And right there, in front of us in the middle of the Rest House Road, a huge broken tree branch fell. It was four to five inches in diameter and six to seven feet long. Luckily, as it was a Sunday, there was not a soul around. Steve recalled a similar instance just after the rains in October last year.

"It was a huge branch. The residents had to call up the MLA's office because it was a Sunday too. The MLA informed the BBMP workers who then came with the necessary equipment to chop the branch into smaller logs; they piled it on the side of the road and left," Steve pointed out. Resident Noronha recalled that her neighbour, one Vijay Kumar, had a narrow escape after a huge tree branch fell while he was walking to his home. Kumar foroze for a moment or two as the branch had missed him by a few inches, Noronha recalled.

Many trees in the park are around 40 to 50 years old, residents said. There are several dead branches still dangling from electric lines and cables. Aggrieved residents did take up the matter with the BBMP which said the park is being maintained in association with a private firm. "Half of the park is being maintained by a builder and the other half by the BBMP. The civic authority promised to look into all the grievances raised, but nothing's been done yet," Steve added.

Have tickets, will fly: Carpe diem is the new motto

B'lureans are making the most of their lives by travelling, after a long covid hiatus

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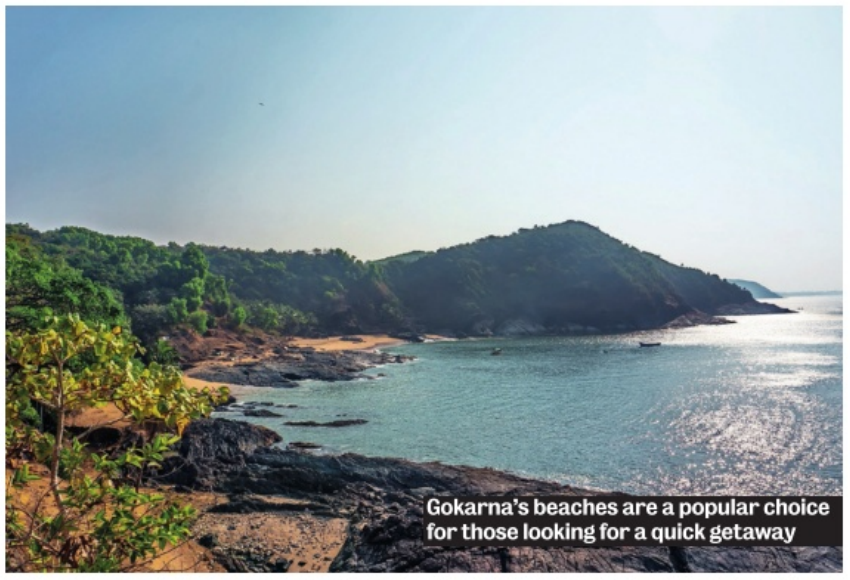
Gokarna's beaches are a popular choice for those looking for a quick getaway

It is the best of times and the worst of times for travel as the skies have opened up and Bengalureans are on the hunt for vacation destinations but are shocked to find that flight tickets have been pre-booked many months in advance and hotels and holiday hubs are over-crowded.

Travel is back on the agenda for city folk and many Bengalureans are packing their bags and heading out in a frenzy. This craze for travel is called "Revenge travel' or 'Revenge Tourism' and stems from a feeling of wanting to break free from the monotonous life of lockdowns.

So, whether it is a short trip to the seaside, a trek through a forest, a foray into the mountains, or a camel ride in a desert, many Bengalureans are making an adventure of every trip, savouring the freedom from restrictions and getting away from the confines of their homes.

Most of the popular vacation destinations like hill stations and beaches are so crowded that people are now exploring offbeat places and planning holidays in fairly unknown parts of the country. Many people have also decided to go on staycations.

So, where is everyone heading and what is travel like this time around? Here's what they had to say...

One trip is not enough

Suryakumari Dennison, an English teacher and freelance writer who is a long-time resident of Richards Town, says that getting away is a top priority now for most people. "Actually, I need more than one trip," says Dennison. "The pandemic has been depressing for the whole world and the urge to occasionally escape the confines of our regular routine has been overwhelming."

According to her, short trips are like power breaks that can refresh the body, mind and spirit. "On our return, we feel better equipped to cope with any kind of pressure," she says.

She just got back from a trip to Mangaluru, prior to which they travelled to Kodagu, B R Hills and Mysuru.

"People have been eagerly waiting to travel," she says. "They are making the most of the improved situation."

Dennison now sees things with new eyes. "Earlier, we took a great deal for granted. It is a blessing that we are now able to travel. On the other hand, I think the Covid cloud will continue to hang over us, albeit lightly. While there are those who will always act (as so many do now) as if Covid is gone for good, there will always be travellers of the cautious kind: who will eagerly set out on exciting expeditions but never once forget the threat that Covid posed, in the not-so-distant past".

Drop in cases? Let's travel

The joy of slow travel

Melissa Arulappan, a resident of Bengaluru East, says that in the last three months, she has visited Goa, Pune, Mangaluru, Mumbai, Pondicherry and north West Bengal. "Barring the inconvenience of RT PCR tests, I have not faced any obstacles at all."

"The primary reason for my trips has been to reconnect with friends," she says. "I think the social isolation forced on by the pandemic has created a sense of urgency to get back time lost in a meaningful, deeper way."

According to Arulappan, travel is however not the same as before. "One needs to plan, be more aware of changing rules and regulations, and read the fine print on documents like air tickets and hotel bookings," she explains. "There's an element of risk and uncertainty that one has to build into travel plans now."

In the near future, Arulappan hopes that people will also enjoy the experience of slow travel. "Travellers should wake up to the joy of slow, experiential travel now. Also, this year, I think we will see more road trips and people travelling to closer domestic locations which is wonderful as there is so much to see and experience in our own backyard."

A reality fairy tale

Bangalorean Swetha Srinath, who is a freelance photographer, loves travelling but has been restricted to going on shorter trips now. "Between the Covid windows, I have been able to do short trips to Delhi, Gwalior, Gokarna in the past few months," she remembers. "After the last two bizarre years, it feels really good to be lost in a new city or town even just for a few days. Travel is the best reality fairy tale, if I may indulge in an oxymoron. But these trips are appreciated way more, for the mental respite to deal with the craziness of being boxed in."

Srinath says that the world is reopening but it is still not easy to get a visa and complete the paperwork for some countries as everything is taking much longer. "Also, if ever there is a sudden breakout of Covid once again while

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>
> – Suryakumari Dennison

on international travel and the country changes its covid restrictions, the need to have funds for unexpected quarantine or treatments/isolation etc will be enormous. The cost of such a trip would double overnight," she says.

Staycations are a delight

Prateek Kole, Senior Manager, Brand Marketing who loves to travel finds that even a simple staycation can make a difference to the way you feel. A staycation is one where people participate in leisure activities within a day trip distance from their homes.

Recently, Kole has visited Kolkata, Mysuru, Himachal Pradesh, Sakleshpur, Sikkim, West Bengal and has also enjoyed many staycations in and around Bengaluru.

"Given our work schedule, it is difficult to take time off for long periods of travel," he observes. "Short trips are perfect as the travel time is around 6-8 hours, can be done in a self-driven car and doesn't get tiring. We do frequent staycations around Bangalore, places which are within a 1-2 hour driving time. It's a perfect getaway for a weekend or a long weekend."

According to him, people have been stuck at home for a while, leading restrictive lives. "Also, so many people are sharing their trip experiences online, that it definitely creates FOMO (fear of missing out)."

In the future, Kole sees that digitisation will definitely be a big driving factor in travel, with contact-less check-ins, digital payments, virtual room tours and virtual menus.

"Also, since everything needs to be planned well ahead, I see the rise of apps like Booking.com, Skyscanner, Airbnb etc, to book everything travel related. I hope that once the pandemic is declared as over, we can go back to our old ways once more."

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Swimming with the tide

No holds barred for this champ: Raised like any other child despite autism, Shashank becomes international swimmer, Kreeda Ratna award recipient

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The state government announced Kreeda Ratna awards on Monday. Among many bright sportspersons, one of the recipients was a autistic child, Shashank BM, who had a tough time growing up. He overcame various challenges to become an international swimmer.

Shashank's parents realised he was autistic when he was four as all his milestones were delayed and he was too hyper active.

His mother Gayathri Mahesh said, "It was very difficult for me to accept that my son is suffering from autism. It was a shocker; I had no options but to accept the challenge. I had to take him to therapy for two years. I decided I would not treat my son differently. He was treated like a normal child. I used to make him sit at one place for a long time by giving building blocks. It was very difficult to manage him as he was throwing a lot of tantrums, was very hyperactive and had no sitting tolerance."

A file photo of Shashank BM practising his strokes; Shashank poses with his medal

When his parents took him to the water first, Shashank hesitated at first but once he started to learn swimming there was no stopping.

Even in studies, his parents said Shashank had developed a technique of rote learning. Later, he got exemptions in Mathematics and Science. "I used to memorise the answers and write them several times without seeing, which resulted in good handwriting without any spelling mistakes too," said Shashank.

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> – Gayathri Mahesh, Shashank's mum

However, it was swimming which brought laurels to him. So far, he has won more than 35 medals in Paralympics and Special Olympics nationals. He won a bronze medal at the World Summer Games 2019 held at Abu Dhabi in UAE.

Apart from swimming, Shashank has also developed a knack for coding. "I kept on practising the programme and could memorise it too. Many of my teachers were surprised with this ability of mine," said Shashank.

Ex-bank officer gets sentenced

A special court in Bengaluru has sentenced a former employee of erstwhile State Bank of Mysore (now merged with SBI) to seven years of imprisonment for illegal exchange of demonetised currency notes in November 2016, officials said here on Tuesday.

The court also slapped a fine of over Rs 2.19 crore on B Dinesh, the then head cashier of the bank, they said. "The Special Judge, CBI cases, Bangalore has sentenced B Dinesh, the then head cashier of the State Bank of Mysore at its Periyapatna branch in Mysore district, to undergo seven years rigorous imprisonment with fine of Rs 2,19,35,000," CBI Spokesperson RC Joshi said.

The CBI had filed an FIR against Dinesh for fraudulently exchanging demonetised currency notes of Rs 1,000 and Rs 500 with valid banknotes to the tune of over Rs 2.18 crore during the period from November 10-23, 2016, in violation of restrictions imposed by the central government on November 8, 2016.

"It was further alleged that B Dinesh had altered the actual denominations and figures written on the deposit slips submitted by the genuine customers for crediting the said amount to their respective accounts," Joshi said. —PTI

Velomobile hits city roads

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Cadence90 is the exclusive dealer for supply in India.

"This is the first time India is seeing a velomobile that too on Bengaluru roads. We don't manufacture it; we import it from Romania. The vehicle is manufactured by a Romanian company, Velomobileworld," said the founder of Cadence90, Chethan Ram.

The base model costs around Rs 14 lakh in India. The model in Bengaluru costs around Rs 18 lakh. Due to the price point, the vehicle is made to order and custom-made based on body type. The bike weighs around 25 kg but the entire package weighs around 90 kg. Due to the aerodynamic shape, it can go as fast as 55-65 km/h on good road conditions and an average of up to 45 km/h.

"Currently, due to low demand, prices are extremely high but could drop considerably if demand goes up. Customs and shipping costs alone amount to Rs 1.5 lakh," added Ram.

The first owner of the velomobile in India Phaneesh Nagaraja said it all started with a brush with destiny.

"The fascination began when I saw the first velomobile at the Paris-Brest-Paris event in 2019. It's a century-old event where thousands of cyclists participate from all over the world. I saw the human-powered machines there for the first time which were considered special bicycles. There were high-powered cycles categorised as human-powered vehicles," he said.

Nagaraja's fascination was further piqued in Paris as he spoke to people to understand more about the vehicle.

"Riders who I spoke to from Germany and the Netherlands told me that they were using the vehicle for regular commute to the office and such. That's when I decided, I had to try it," he added.

"Based on your body weight and height, these vehicles are manufactured on demand. I have also added some customisations to the steering, hood and colour options," Nagaraja explained.

He expressed his intention to ride the velomobile as part of office commute and at times for touring. "I am going to use it as a regular cycle as it is intended to be used. I already own some unique, rare and custom-made bicycles. A regular bike will give you 25 km/h maximum speed. With the same effort, you can achieve at least 35 km/h in a velomobile. It can go on rough roads too. Unscientific humps might be a problem. There is a concern about how people are going to spot a velomobile and avoid crashing," added Nagaraja.

Despite advantages, the velomobile remains more of a collector's piece, far from being affordable.

"Right now it's going to be only for enthusiasts in India. But it has great potential as a vehicle for office commute. It's being used in many parts of Europe for the same. Wider adoption will bring down the costs and will allow us to see newer models of the vehicle. It will also push for better road infrastructure which is crucial for its adoption," said Bengaluru bicycle mayor Sathya Sankaran.

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Snail's pace

LB Shastri Nagar

Various civic projects at Vibhuti Lake are going on at a snail's pace. BBMP must take measures to speed things up.

Encroached

Bannerghatta Road

The road is occupied by street vendors who do not have the mandatory permissions to set up shop here.

Sweeping waste

Sanjay Nagar

BBMP workers have been sweeping waste and dumping it here in MLA Layout.

Bengaluru taps run dry

Ongoing Cauvery 5th stage project aims at bringing 10 TMC water to city

As the mercury is rising in Bengaluru, many areas in the city are reeling under water crisis. The underground water has decreased and many bore-wells have dried up. The BWSSB is drawing close to 1,450 MLD of water from the Cauvery through pipes, trying to meet the water woes. But, the increasing population every year is making the water supply a challenge, especially during summers. Drawing water from Yettinahole and Tippagondanahalli reservoirs is in a nascent stage. The Cauvery 5th stage of the water supply project needs at least one year to complete. So, BWSSB is distributing water, which is available for now.

The population in the city is around 1.30 crore and it is expected to grow 2 crores by 2030. To meet the demands, the city needs 2,000 MLD of water.

In 1871, Bengaluru was spread only four km in radius and lakes and wells were the main sources of water; the population was also only one lakh then. Now the city is spread over 800 sq km. This has created huge pressure on the water supply board.

Water scarcity in the city is common during summer. As the underground water goes down, the scarcity increases. Not only in the outskirts, but areas like DJ Halli, KG Halli, Banasawadi, Tannery Road, Kushalnagar and surrounding areas also face huge water shortage. Meanwhile, the Cauvery 5th stage project is under progress for bringing 10 TMC of water.

There was no supply of drinking water for 110 villages and seven corporations and municipality areas in 2007.

In many places, water is sold in pots and the tanker mafia activities resume all over the city. Some people have also made it a business of supplying water to houses and hotels.

Among the villages newly joined in the BBMP limits, only 51 villages were provided with drinking water facilities. These villages are also supplying water only for a week. Even in old wards, water is supplied two times a week. Most of the residents depend heavily on water tanker supplies.

Residents of Ambedkar Nagar, carrying empty water pots, stage protest against BWSSB over drinking water scarcity recently

People from newly-added villages in the city jurisdiction depend more on bore-wells for drinking water. Due to heavy usage of underground water, 32 per cent of Cauvery water is leaking, which goes unaccounted.

As per the Mining and Geology department, there are four lakh bore-wells in the city. Every day, five new bore-wells are dug in the city. In summer, the number increases to 20. With this, underground water depleted to 1,500 feet. Every day, 20,000 litres of water is drawn from the bore wells. Of the 8,550 bore-wells, which were managed by BWSSB, there are 618 not working. There are 65 tankers supplying water in the areas of water scarcity.

67 RO units closed

The BBMP started 905 pure drinking water units by spending Rs123.44 crore, as the bore-wells dried up and many RO units were closed.

BWSSB Chief Engineer Suresh said, "There is no drinking water crisis in the city as it was before. As the bore-wells dried up, we are supplying water from 65 water tankers freely to the places where drinking water is not available."

Tanker prices rise

Private tanker water suppliers have increased their prices now. For 7,000 litres of tanker, the rates were raised to Rs 700 to Rs 850. The middle class and low-income families already suffered from covid-19; now, they are spending most of their money procuring water.

In KR Puram, Marathahalli, Basavanapura, Whitefield, Sarjapur, Bellandur, Bommanahalli, Talaghattapura, Kengeri, Yelahanka, Peenya, Magadi and other places depend more on private tankers. Among 3,000-4,000 tankers, only around 200 got trade licences from the BBMP. There is no control over them. So, they have raised the prices in lieu of diesel prices.

–Prakash VL

HAL hands over Gaganyaan mission hardware to ISRO

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) handed over the first set of Gaganyaan hardware to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) during the inauguration of HAL's PS2/GS2 stage integration facility in Bengaluru on Monday. HAL also handed over the 150th Make Satellite Bust Shelter on this occasion. "HAL has and will continue to play a significant role in India's current and future space program including the Gaganyaan manned mission to space, given the skills and knowledge base within the company," said S. Somanath, Chairman, ISRO. "He identified indigenisation and cost reduction as major challenges in space missions and said apart from HAL private players will have a role in achieving these goals," read an official statement issued by ISRO.

During the ceremony, Mr R Madhavan, Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of HAL recalled its long association with ISRO for over 40 years and said, "HAL is well poised to play a bigger role in the integration activities related to the launch vehicles." "We will continue to be a reliable partner of ISRO with dedication, devotion, and zeal," he added.

The PS2 stage is the second stage of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) launch vehicle in which earth storable propellants are used for propulsion. **ANI**

State govt employees' DA hiked by 2.75%

The Karnataka Government on Tuesday increased the Dearness Allowance of State government employees by 2.75 per cent with the retrospective effect from January 1, 2022.

"Karnataka Government revises the rates of Dearness Allowance (DA) payable to the State Government Employees in the 2018 Revised Pay Scales from the existing 24.50 per cent to 27.25 per cent of Basic Pay with effect from 1 January 2022," reads the notification.

The order will benefit all the full-time government employees, employees of Zila Panchayat, Work Charged employees on regular time scales of pay and Full-time employees of Aided Educational Institutions and Universities who are on regular time scales of pay. The hike is also applicable for pensioners.

The order says that the increase in DA admissible under this order is payable in cash. The decision would result in an additional annual expenditure of Rs 1,447 crore to the state government.

Last month, the Union Finance Ministry had also announced an increase in the Dearness Allowance (DA) of the central government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to pensioners by 3 per cent to 34 per cent of the basic pay. **ANI**

Search intensifies for tiger on the prowl

The Karnataka Forest Department on Tuesday intensified its search operation for a tiger in Madikeri district, while also issuing an alert for the residents of villages surrounding the Virajpet town in connection.

As many as 150 Department sleuths continued the search operation with tamed elephants and sharpshooters.

The tiger had attacked and killed a labourer Ganesh at Rudraguppe village near Virajpet on March 29.

Following the attack, the Department swung into immediate action to locate the tiger. It has also installed 35 cameras in and around the region. The combing operation is being taken up in the 10 km radius of Rudraguppe village.

Meanwhile, measures have been taken up to ensure safety of the local residents, including the creation of WhatsApp groups to exchange messages and issue alerts. The CCTVs installed by the Department have captured images of the tigerand it is ascertained that the big cat is very much in the vicinity.

Laborers in the area have complained about the continued threat to their lives by tigers and elephants.

The last official count revealed that there are 524 tigers in the state making Karnataka forests home to the second largest population of tigers in the country. **IANS**

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'Stonewalled', RTI activist approaches CVC

Activist says he is not getting proper response for his queries on details of source of income of former minister and mining baron

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File photo of venue at Palace Grounds getting readied for the wedding of Janardhan Reddy's daughter in 2016

A city-based advocate and RTI activist has filed a complaint with the Central Vigilance Commission against an additional director of Income Tax (Investigation) Unit-2 in Bengaluru for not providing information on his RTI queries on details of the source of income of former minister and mining baron Gali Janardhan Reddy. Reddy had thrown a lavish wedding do for his daughter right after demonetisation and also after he had been in jail for three years.

Activist says addn'l director of Income Tax (Investigation) has been avoiding his queries on status of probe

According to advocate T Narasimha Murthy, the IT department, was initially forthcoming with information, but soon after the additional director changed, Murthy has been stonewalled. He had initially filed a complaint at the end of November 2016 before the director general of Income Tax (Investigation) in connection with the tax evasion and the extravagant wedding in November 2016. The IT department initiated an investigation headed by an additional director of Income Tax (Investigation) Unit-2, Balakrishna.

In mid-July 2018, Murthy met Balakrishna to know about the status of his complaint and the latter said the case would get completed before December 2018. Since there was no communication from the Department since then, in May 2019, Murthy approached Balakrishna who said due to workload, the case could be be decided only before December 2019. Murthy, in December 2019, again approached the Additional Director to follow up when he learnt that Balakrishna had been replaced with Subhash KR.

Subsequently, Murthy said he realised that the new additional director was avoiding a meeting with him. In February 2020, Murthy filed an RTI application to the Director General of Income Tax (Investigation) seeking an 'Action taken Report' on his complaint for which he did not get any response. In January 2022, Murthy again tried to meet Subhash at his chamber, but was told he was too busy to meet him.

In March 2022, he went to meet Subhash when Subhash allegedly told him that he was not entitled to know about the case details.

Murthy has now filed a complaint seeking appropriate legal action.

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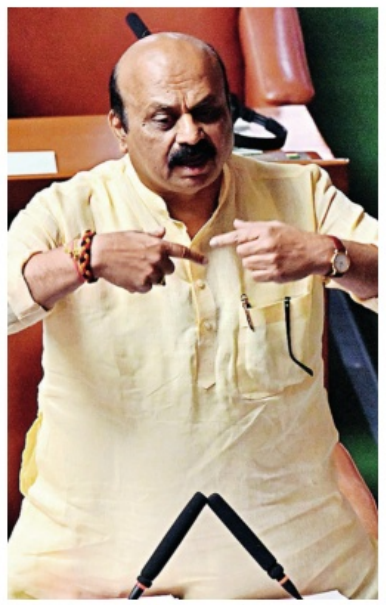

Given that Tamil Nadu is opposing the Mekedatu project and MK Stalin fixed a meeting with the prime minister for the same, chief minister Basavaraj Bommai is headed to Delhi to pitch for the project.

He said, his agenda is to meet the water resources minister to discuss important water and river linkage issues.

"There are pending issues in Mekedatu, Mahadayi, Krishna rivers and other projects. I will discuss all those projects and try to get approvals as soon as possible," said Bommai.

As a part of the Mekedatu project, a balancing reservoir-cum-drinking water facility was to be constructed across the Cauvery river basin. The project was given a go-ahead by the state government after a meeting with all party leaders on March 22. Post this several opposition leaders condemned the move.

Cabinet expansion

There is talk of a rejig in the cabinet. Bommai maintained, the issue is likely to be discussed when he meets union home minister Amit Shah and BJP president JP Nadda.

Mosque loudspeakers

Reacting to the slew of developments in the state relating to religious matters, Bommai on Tuesday said all are equal before the government and mosque loudspeakers will not be taken down forcefully.

"All steps would be taken to ensure peace by not letting any individual or organisation take law into their hands," he said.

He said he would deliver more propeople programmes in the coming days and the crisis won't be solved by mere issuing of statements.

"There are many things behind these developments. The orders were made in 2001, 2002. The ruling BJP has not passed any order. We will keep everything in mind and take decisions," he said referring to the ban on Muslim merchants in temples and religious fairs and the use of loudspeakers in mosques.

Explaining about 'Azaan', Bommai said that there was already an order by the Apex Court in this regard.

The limit of decibel is prescribed and there is an order to purchase a decibel metre.

"This is work which has to be done by taking everyone into confidence. It can't be done forcefully. At the ground level meetings are being conveyed by the police with the community leaders. It will be done in future also and action would be taken," he said.

Pitching for the Mekedatu project and Cabinet expansion will be on the agenda during Bommai's meetings in Delhi

Bengaluru versus Hyderabad

Reacting to the comment made by KT Rama Rao, Bommai said it is laughable.

"People from all over the globe are coming to Bengaluru. More numbers of unicorns and startups are in Bengaluru," he said.

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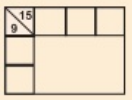
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

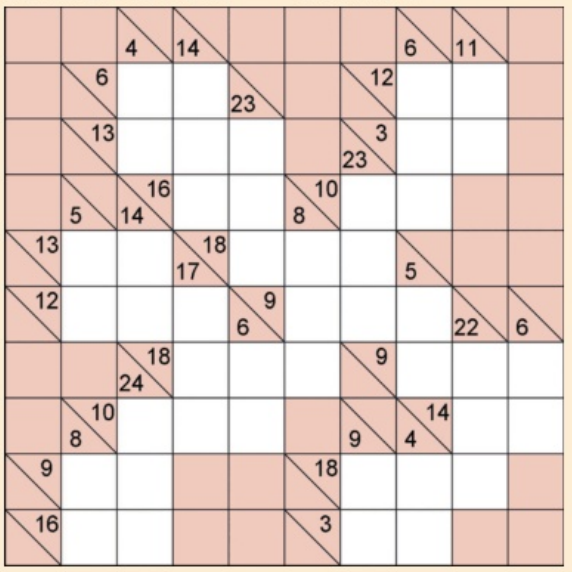
$24 \div (-2)^3 (4 - 12 \div 2 * 3 + 8)^2 * 3 + 8 = ?$

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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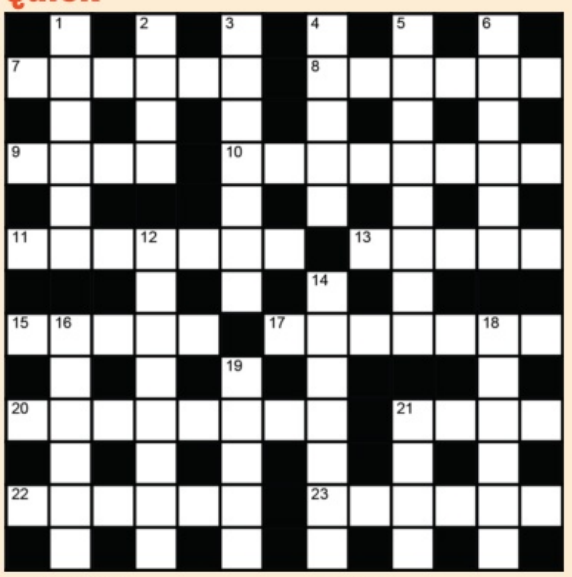


ACROSS

7 Luggage-carrier (6)
8 Pitmen (6)
9 Object of worship (4)
10 Cancel record of bad debt etc.; completely destroy a vehicle etc. (5,3)
11 Crisp biscuit (7)
13 Pursue stealthily (5)
15 Dynasty which ruled the area around Bangalore in the 11th century (5)
17 Deprived of food (7)
20 Casino worker (8)
21 Nonchalant (4)
22 Roman poet (6)
23 Young bird of prey (6)

DOWN

1 Edge or limit (6)
2 Ex-Delhi speedster Wassan (4)
3 Killed or died in water (7)
4 Communication via Internet (5)
5 Aardvark or pangolin (3-5)
6 Cunning or skillful (6)
12 Relating to social pursuits (8)
14 Appetizer (7)
16 Distress greatly; farm implement? (6)
18 Ran away and got married? (6)
19 Connected for power (5)
21 Wheel's teeth (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Q EQUALS G

DKCB L'H WXIAWLBQ TBU RCLBQ HVACGP... CNCXVWKLBQ LB HV GLPC XCPGCFWA WKLA RV PTGGLBQ LBWS ZGTFC CTALGV, SPWCB HLXTFIGSIAGV.

Linemaro

I couldn't help come over and introduce myself; otherwise I'd be kicking myself

Mindchow

No one gossips about other people's secret virtues

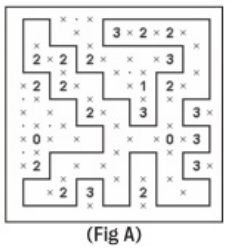
Joke of the day

So I said to the Gym instructor "Can you teach me to do the splits?". He said "How flexible are you?". I said "I can't make Tuesdays"

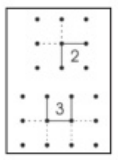
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

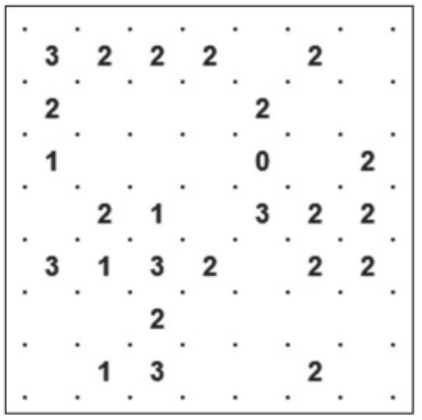


(Fig B) Not Allowed

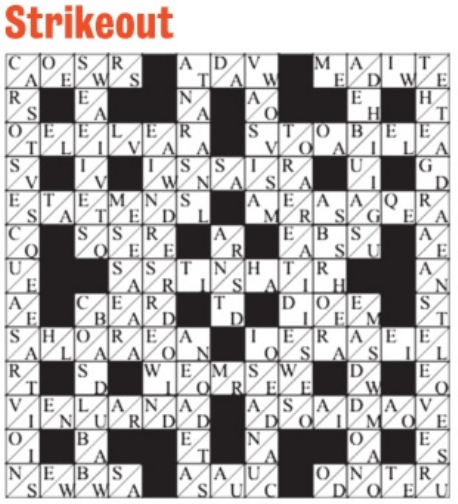
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6	V			
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Crops; 6 Value;
7 Boner; 8 It lee;
9 To Big

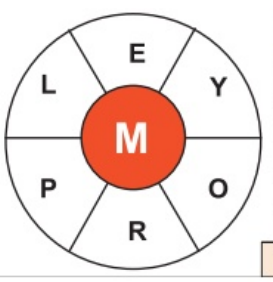
DOWN

1 Be cub; 2 Olio V;
3 GI err; 4 An opt;
5 Steel

Mensapuzzle

Which one spoils the pattern?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

06 Average; **07** Good; **09** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

3		1	2		6	5		4
		6	7		8	9		
7			3		9			5
4		3				1		7
8			1		4			6
		8	9		2	7		
2		9	5		3	8		1

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 21
2 2 8 9

Medium = 19
2 4 5 9

Hard = 6
1 2 9 1

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

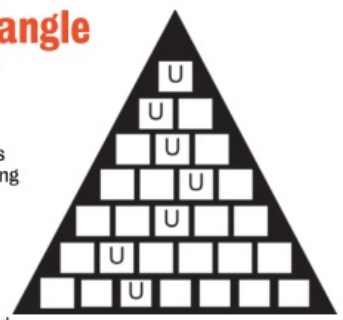
Differences: 1. Skate blade is different. 2. Hockey stick is longer. 3. Helmet is different. 4. Sign is different. 5. Net is wider. 6. Star is missing from shirt.

Riddler

The blanks below can be filled in with words spelled with the same four letters in different order. Find them. There once was a musical, ____. It was performed in three ____. When it was through, The audience flew And all of the ____ went ____.

Alpha triangle

1 Horseshoe letter
2 You and me
3 Bring to court
4 Swing about
5 Depressed spirits
6 Delicate in meaning
7 Tripa



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

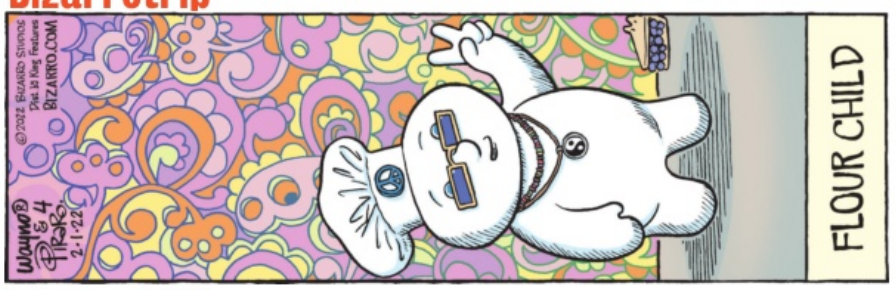
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

I THINK MY FATHER IS BEHIND THAT ROCK EAVES-DROPPING ON US
WE'LL SOON FIND OUT!
MARRY ME, TAWNEE, AND YOUR FATHER WILL HAVE LOTS OF GRANDKIDS JUST LIKE ME!
YOU WERE RIGHT

Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

HEY, MOM... I THINK I'M FEELING PRETTY GOOD TODAY.
THAT'S GREAT! FEELING GOOD ENOUGH TO HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL?
I SAID "PRETTY GOOD," NOT "CRAZY GOOD".

Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, try to avoid spending your hard-earned money in worthless things; it may affect your savings. Avoid expecting too much from people around you; your expectations may convert into disappointment. It may affect your relationship with people around you. You are advised to control your words during discussions around domestic issues.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may feel energic and your inner strength may increase. Your performance may be good; you may complete your work before deadline and it will make you happy. You may also help someone by giving your advice. Your prestige may grow now. You are likely to have a balance between domestic and professional life. Matives related to import and export, trading and strategy analysis may do better now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may be a victim of fantasy, which may drive you towards hypothetical aspects, which make you indecisive and disturbed. This can affect your ongoing projects or works. Finance issues may affect ongoing projects. You are advised to be practical and avoid day dreaming.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon; your small investments may convert into big profits. Your working efficiency may increase now. You are likely to get success with less effort. You may hear good news in legal matters also. You may have full control over your opponents and rivals.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon. A little effort may lead you to success. You are likely to get good profits from past investments. You will get rewarded for your hard work in professional and domestic life. Your prestige may increase now. You may start new innovations in the business. Disputes with the spouse may resolve now.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel better; situations will be under control. Your network may help you in the work front. You may plan for overseas travel. This is a good time to increase harmony in domestic and love life. With the help of creativity, you may bring some artefacts or creative items for your family. You may also plan to watch movies or go for outing with friends or family.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may get tired due to overworking. It may make you lazy and careless; you are advised to keep patience. If you are planning for adventure trips, you are advised to postpone it for a while. Your past investments may convert into dead stock. Students are advised to work hard. You may have backache and issues with the nervous system, liver or skin.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, your creativity may be on a roll; you may plan to renovate your house. You may buy some items to renovate your house or office, which may increase your social status. You are likely to be in harmony with the spouse, ensuring harmony in domestic life. Disputes with friends, co-workers and partners may settle down. You may get good news in terms of litigations.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you will be creative; you may attend a creative event. Your money that was stuck may get recovered now. Job seekers are advised to be updated with current affairs. Students are advised to give some more effort in their academics.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel dull due to sleeplessness. You may be scattered from your goals. This may affect your working efficiency. You may plan to visit to some religious places. In the late evening, you may be blessed by your elders; you may identify your mistakes and may make a good plan for the coming days. You are advised to take care of your parents' health.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be in a hurry. You are advised to drive safe. With blessings from elders, you may come out from the messy situation. You are likely to be more romantic today; harmony may prevail in your domestic life. You may expect some positive results in new partnerships. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments. Students may hear good news in terms of academics.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, your subordinates may be cooperative, it may help you to complete postponed projects. You are likely to join some social events, which may boost your network. It may help you in your work or social life. You may plan to go for outing with friends. Some disputes with friends may settle now. Students are advised to avoid carelessness.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
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=24/(-8)/(-6)*2*3+8
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=-324+8 =-3 16

RIDDLER
There once was a musical, CATS It was performed in three ACTS When it was through, The audience flew And all of the CAST went SCAT.

BULL'S EYE
employ, mole, mope, more, perm, poem, prom, romp

FAST FIVE

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B	O	R	N	E
C	O	R	P	S

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
20. The black stripe is too narrow

QUOTE UNCODE
When I'm trusting and being myself... everything in my life reflects this by falling into place easily, often miraculously.

SUDOKU

9	2	7	4	5	1	6	3	8
3	8	1	2	9	6	5	7	4
5	4	6	7	3	8	9	1	2
7	1	2	3	6	9	4	8	5
4	6	3	8	2	5	1	9	7
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1	3	4	6	8	7	2	5	9

ALPHA TRIANGLE
U, Us, Sue, Slue, Blues, Subtle, Stumble.

GO FIGURE
2 + 8 + 9 + 2 = 21
Easy
5 + 2 x 4 – 9 = 19
Medium
9 – 2 – 1 x 1 = 6
Hard

LOOP

KAKURO

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'Elvis' to premiere at Cannes Film Festival
Filmmaker Baz Luhrmann's much-awaited movie "Elvis" will have it world premiere at the 75th edition of the Cannes Film Festival

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FASHION GOALS

Five times birthday gal Rashmika gave us style inspiration

Rashmika Mandana has won millions of hearts with her pan India film 'Pushpa: The Rise' and is all set to mesmerise fans with her Bollywood outing soon. Not just films, the actor has a noteworthy approach towards fashion for which also she enjoys a massive fan following. As she celebrated her birthday on Tuesday, let us look at 5 gorgeous style statements of Rashmika:

Monochrome magic

Rashmika looked beyond beautiful in a velvet thigh high slit dress. Statement jewellery tied her whole look together. She was a vision to behold and looked effortlessly glamorous.

Slaying in black

Rashmika Mandana looks effortlessly chic and elegant in a stunning black saree. Oxidised jewellery, and a smokey-eye make up tied her whole look together. She found the perfect balance between comfort and style.

Shine and shimmer

This time the actor made heads turn in a shimmery ensemble consisting of a basic white shirt teamed with sequin trousers. The messy hair look surely made heads turn. She looked breathtakingly gorgeous.

Gorgeous in green

Rashmika looked no less than a dreamy bundle of elegance in an embellished green lehenga. Traditional attires have a special spot in the actress' closet. She looked flawlessly fabulous, so much so that we can't get over her charm.

Vision in white

"Trying different kinds of poses.. is it working?" wrote Rashmika Mandanna while giving a unique pose with perfection and glam. The actress looked stunning in an all white ensemble. A full top to bottom white suit set has made us fall in love with the birthday girl all over again. —ETimes

Jason Momoa to star in historical drama Chief of War

Actor Jason Momoa will be seen starring in Apple's historical drama 'Chief of War'.

The series follows the story of the unification and colonisation of Hawaii from an indigenous point of view, Variety reported.

The eight-episode project marks the first time Momoa, who is of Hawaiian descent, has written for television. He previously co-wrote, directed, and starred in the film 'Road to Paloma', which was released in 2014.

Justin Chon is in negotiations to direct the first two episodes of 'Chief of War.'

'Chief of War' will be the second Apple series led by Momoa. He currently stars in 'See', which is about a post-apocalyptic future in which nearly all remaining humans have lost their sense of sight. — ANI

Will it be working Swiss holiday for couple?

Karan Johar's upcoming film 'Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani' starring Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt has been in steady progress. Earlier, we brought you the news that its maker Karan Johar is scouting the exact locale for an upcoming schedule in Switzerland. We had also told you that it's for a major song to be picturised on Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt.

Well, it is now final that the Switzerland shoot is happening, and it's happening in either May or June. It will be for about a week.

ETimes today also has it that at one point of time, Karan even thought of doing the song in Russia but now with the Ukraine-Russia war still going on, Russia is ruled out.

Besides Ranveer and Alia, 'Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani' stars Dharmendra, Jaya Bachchan and Shabana Azmi in main roles. The film is said to be a love story between a North Indian boy and a Bengali girl, both staying in Delhi.

So yeah, Alia will embark on about a 7-10 day trip to Switzerland in the next month or the one after that. We wonder if Ranbir will accompany Alia for this shoot. As things stand today they are getting married soon this month. If that happens, who knows, Ranbir might go along for a nice holiday with his wife. — ETimes

Aishwarya's Insta account is back

Actor Aishwarya Rajesh, who has made a name for herself in both the Tamil and Telugu film industries, has announced that her Instagram account, which she feared had either been hacked or suspended, had been restored.

Taking to Twitter, the actor said, "Thank you Instagram for the swift response. My account has been reactivated."

The actor, on Monday, had appealed for help from those running the social media platform, after her account disappeared completely from the platform and her handle did not appear even when searched for it.

She then posted a message on Twitter about her Instagram handle to let her followers know what had happened. –IANS

A date with Yashoda

Actor Samantha Ruth Prabhu-starrer Telugu film "Yashoda" will make its debut in theatres countrywide on August 12, the makers announced on Tuesday.

Written and directed by filmmaker duo Hari Shankar and Harish Narayan, the sci-fi thriller will also release in Tamil, Hindi, Kannada and Malayalam.

"Yashoda" is backed by Sivalenka Krishna Prasad under the banner Sridevi Movies.

"Our #Yashoda aka @Samanthaprabhu2 is all set to give you thrills and chills in theatres. A @krishnasivalenk's production," the official Twitter account of Sridevi Movies tweeted. Samantha shared the tweet and wrote, "August 12th it is".

The 34-year-old actor was last seen on the big screen in a special appearance in Allu Arjun's blockbuster "Pusha". "Yashoda" also stars Unni Mukundan, and Varalaxmi Sarathkumar. — PTI